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PERFORMANCE OF ZONING ATLAS PROJECT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the success of its `Zoning atlas project` in controlling pollution across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures adopted by the Central Pollution Control Board to strengthen zoning atlas project?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has been reviewing from time to time the progress of implementation of the Zoning Atlas Project.The emphasis in such review meetings had been to review the achievement of the main targets of the project, viz. Capacity building and achieving of physical targets and utility of results generated from the Zoning Atlas activity.

(c) The measures adopted by the Central Pollution Control Board for strengthening the Zoning Atlas project are :

(i) A Centre of Excellence was established in the year 2000 in the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) as a Centre for Spatia Environmental Planning. The Centre has the requisite trained manpower, equipment, and GIS software.

(ii) Similar Centres of Excellence have been approved at Environment Protection Training Research Institute (EPTRI), Hyderabad Kerala State Pollution Control Board, Thiruvananthapuram, Tripura State Pollution Control Board, Agartala and West Bengal State Council for Science and Technology, Kolkata. Also manpower has been sanctioned to different State Pollution Control Boards to strengthen the Zoning Atlas Project.

(iii) Some requisite equipments viz. GIS software, LCD Projector, Personal Computers, Internet connection etc. have been provided in different State Pollution Control Boards/Executing Agencies for capacity building in the area of spatial environmental planning.

(iv) Teams from the participating State Pollution Control Boards/Executing Agencies have been trained on spatial environmental planning tasks viz. Zoning atlas for siting of industries, industrial estate planning etc. Also, overseas training programmes were conducted to enhance capabilities in spatial environmental planning for the State Pollution Control Boards/Executing Agencies, Central Pollution Control Board and Ministry of Environment and Forests.

(v) A comprehensive Human Resource Development in the Field of Spatial Environmental Planning has been prepared for enhancing technical and managerial skills of the persons involved in various planning activities in different organisations such as Pollution Control Boards, development authorities, district administrations, municipalities and educational institutions.